

## Jasper County Animal Control Board

Public Meeting  
March 13, 2017

Board President, Del Cleek called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m. at the Rensselaer Branch of the Jasper County Library Rensselaer, In. Board members that attend, Del Cleek, Dr. Janice Mallory, Nancy Shull, Dee Vanderwall, Jerry Furst, Marissha Mathews, Shelter Director Mark Sinclair, ACO Kelly Sperle. No Citizens were in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous meeting on Feb, 13<sup>th</sup> 2017 were emailed to all board members. Nancy moved to approve the minutes as presented, Janice seconded and the minutes were approved.

Mark gave the Director's report stating, that the shelter had 9 dogs left over from last month and took in 15 more. All but 4 were left. Had 11 cats left over from last month and took in 15 more. All but 7 were adopted out, reclaimed or sent out to rescue. We responded to 32 calls, 12 were brought back. Humane Society of Calumet's Adoption Coordinator and Vet visited and pulled 4 dogs in 1 day; they have not pulled from us in years. Also we are now working with Purdue they are taking euthanized dogs for student training. Six volunteers worked for a total of 22.5 hours. The new hire worked for two weeks and quit due to another employment opportunity. Stacy Becondi has been hired to replace her.

### **Old Business**

Security camera update: Mark stated three quotes have been obtained. Rick Johnson's (original) bid was for approximately \$1,500. Affordable Sound and Security out of Hebron (referred- Sandy Pines uses) was approximately \$1,900 and ADT Security was \$2,200 plus the \$98 subscriptions for monitoring. Mark suggested the Board approve the Affordable bid stating they have more cameras, will provide a three year warranty and training. Mark will be able to access the cameras from his smart phone as well as the computer inside the shelter. Marissha moved to allow Mark to move forward with Affordable and Jerry seconded. Motion was approved by the board.

There was a discussion about the new part time hire, also looking into full time status for Kelly, as ACO if new part-time doesn't work out. Mark stated that the County website has been updated. The Petango logo and link were added. Three months of board meeting minutes will be kept on the website. If the community is interested in going back more than three months, the minutes are available at the shelter via request form.

The Open house was approved for May 20<sup>th</sup> 2017 time from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Details were discussed and plans were made. See attachment.

### **New Business**

Rob Cain e-mailed members requesting the use of shelter donation funds towards the purchase of a new K-9 for the county. Jerry asked why the Sherriff's department would be requesting funds from the shelter. Other questions were discussed and the Board agreed to table the decision until it is researched further.

Del and Dee brought it to the board's attention that Mark is severely underpaid. Discussion ensued regarding all the improvements Mark has made at the shelter and how well organized and smoothly the shelter is running. Nancy moved to approach the Council and/or Commissioners regarding a bonus and then pay raise. Jerry seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Mark stated that the staff will be doing a presentation on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at noon the Jasper County Senior Center in Rensselaer.

### **Citizen Comment Time**

No citizen were in attendance

No further business was announced, Marissha moved to adjourn and Nancy seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Next Meeting will be held April 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

Submitted by ACO Kelly Sperle

### **Open House Organization:**

The event will be on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 1–3 p.m. keeping it at two hours for our first attempt will make it a bit easier.

Del passed around sample flyers: one to be sent to potential sponsors and partners and one that will be used for advertising the event. Maybe see if one of the rescues wants to do a bake sale or a lemonade stand (fundraiser for their organization).

Kelly stated that she applied for a grant from Strack's to provide hot dogs etc. The hot dogs will be in a slow cooker rather than grilled.

Marisha will do a grooming demonstration (and we will use her kids to do radio PSA's); Del will do a Pet Responsibility demonstration; Kelly will get the lady with the turtle to do a presentation; Jan will ask Tabby to do a training demonstration.

Del will check into the balloon lady from DeMotte; Marissha will check with some friends about face painting.

Nan will check with REMC about providing bottled water.